(e) whether it is also a fact that the main Water Supply Pump is out of order, if so, by when the same is likely to be repaired; and

(f) if the answer to part (d) and (e) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor and by when the residents of these areas will be provided with the normal supply of drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) It is not fact that there is an acute shortage of water supply in Sector III Pushp Vihar, New Delhi. The position of water supply is more or less the same in all the sectors of this area. Whenever there is a fall in the bulk supply of water from the M.C D., general shortage is felt in the entire Pushp Vihar Area.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(e) It is not a fact that main water supply pump is out of order. Whenever any defect is notified, the same is attended to immediately.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to (a), (b) and (e) above.

Complaints pending with CPWD Enquiries Pushp Vihar, New Delhi.

2766. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the enquiry Office situated at Sector-III, Pushp Vihar (M. B. Road), New Delhi do not take initiative on the complaints made by the residnts of this area and often remain absent from their seats after marking attendance and as a result the complaints of the residents are not attended to for so many days;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this situation has been brought to the notice of the Executive Engineer and other higher officers also, but they are not taking interest to solve the problems being faced by the residents;

(c) if the answer to (a) above be in affirmative, what action is being taken against the guilty officials, who do not attend to the complaints regularly; and

(d) whether Government would take stringent action against these officials?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) It is not a fact that the employees of the Enquiry Office in question do not attend to complaints, or remain absent from their seats after marking attendance. The day-to-day complaints of the residents are attended to regularly and quickly. The Executive Engineer concerned holds regular meetings with the Rresidents' Welfare Association every month. The Project Manager also holds such meetings periodically and the Chief Engineer occasionally.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above.

Pact between India and Malaysia for railway projects

2767. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Malaysia have recently signed any pact about railway projects;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the projects are at present being handled by Indian Railway Construction Company Limited?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Indian Railway Construction Company Limited (IRCON) has signed, on 10th August, 1990, a contract with the Malaysian Railway Administration for the doubling of 88.3 km. of Railway Track between Rawang and Seremban, in Malaysia. The project is to cost Rs 90 crores and is to be executed in Two and half years. IRCON is already handling a contract for rehabilitation of 327 Km. of track between Singapore to Paloh and Slim River to Seremban in Malaysia.

2768. [*Transferred to the 5th September*, 1990].

2769. [*Transferred to the 5th September*, 1990].

Purchase of Forest Produce by TRIFED

2770. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tribal Cooperative Markeing Development Federation of India Limited is exporting Niger seed, Gum Karaya, Tendu leaves, Sal sted extractions and other Tribal products within two years of its inception;

(b) if so, whether there has been an increase in procurement prices and what has been the improvement in prices realised by tribals;

(c) what quantum of funds are earmarked for price support operations in minor forest produce, Agricultural products in tribal areas;

(d) whether Government are considering exclusive canalisation through the Tribal apex body to realise better prices and to avoid middlemen cornering profits; if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons for not considering such a scheme; and

(e) whether minor oilseed extractions are an excellent source of carbohydrates for the cattle feed, just as Soya extractions from the source of protein; if so, what funds are being earmarked to TRIFED for development of these minor oilseed extractions?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. TRIFED is exporting Niger seed, Gum Karaya, Tendu leaves and Sal seed extractions. There has been an increase in procurement price of some of the commodities which are exported by TRIFED or for which procurement have been undertaken. This can be seen from the statement at Annexure. (*See* below).

(c) TRIFED has been appointed as an agent of Food Corporation of India (FCI) for procurement of only wheat and paddy from the tribal areas during last year. In addition to this, TRIFED on its own had undertaken procurement of Agricultural produces such as Mustard Seed, Jowar, Maize, Ragi at prices fixed by Government of India under price support scheme. There is a budget provision for the current financial year 1990-91 of Rs. 1 crore for meeting of, losses if any under price support scheme.

(d) The export of Gum Karaya has already been canalised through TRIFED from July, 1988 onwards. Export of Niger Seed has also been canalised jointly through TRIFED and NAFED from December, 1989.

(e) Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Oils and Oilseeds of Tree and Forest Origin in Tribal Areas is in operation through TRIFED for giving financial assistance to States for augmentation of collection of tree and forest based oilseeds. Budget provision during the current financial year for the said scheme is Rs. 180 lakhs.